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Dear CT PHC Testimony,

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades.

Naturopathic care has been vital to resolving chronic lyme disease for both myself and my daughter for the past 5 yrs. We have both finally reached a level of wellness that no medical doctor was able to achieve for us. Along the way, we required certain treatments that we had to go to an out of state medical professional. It would have been much more beneficial for us to be treated by our naturopath in CT.

I encourage you to expand the scope of these doctors in CT for the benefit of your constituents.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely, Robert Forster